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--An insulated conductor for a high-voltage winding in an electric machine, and rotating electric machine that use the insulated conductor. The insulated conductor is suitable for use in a high-voltage winding application for devices such as the electric machine and a rotating electric machine. A feature of the insulated conductor is that the conductor includes at least one strand, and an inner conductive layer that surrounds the at least one strand. An insulating layer surrounds the inner conductive layer, and an outer conductive layer surrounds the insulating layer. When arranged in this manner, and when the outer conductive layer is suitably configured to provide an equipotential surface, the insulated conductor provides relatively high resistance to breakdown when operating at high voltages.--

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

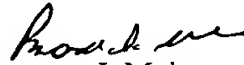
Claims 19-38 are pending, Claims 1-18 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 19-38 having been added by way of the present amendment. New Claims 19-38 find support in original Claims 1-18 and in the specification as originally filed, and consequently no new matter is added.

While numerous amendments have been made to the specification, consistent with accepted U.S. patent application drafting format, each amendment is believed to be made as a matter of form. However, to the extent any amendment is substantively inconsistent with the originally filed specification, the language included in the originally filed specification should be construed as containing the controlling language. Due to the large number of changes, and for the examiner's convenience, a "clean copy" of the specification is filed herewith that includes all of the amendments made by way of the present preliminary amendment.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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